## Job Descriptions

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## What is a Job Description?

## The foundation for most workforce management activities

The first step to getting the **right person** with the **right skills** into the **right job** is to get the position right.

### Position Design

The conscious examination of current and future organizational goals and objectives as well as the purpose of the position, and how it contributes to accomplishment of objectives.

1. Avoid overlapping duties or responsibilities

2. Assign as much of the same kind and level of work as possible to individual positions

3. Concentrate higher-level duties in as few positions as practical

4. Structure positions to provide for career progression when possible

5. Design positions that are satisfying and challenging

6. Design positions with labor market conditions in mind

7. Write Job Descriptions that accurately reflect the assigned duties and responsibilities

# The impact of the employee on the job.



#### Americans with Disabilities Act

#### Classifies job functions into two categories:

- Essential job functions are all basic, recurring job duties and responsibilities.
- Marginal job functions are duties that are only supplementary or supportive to the job.

#### ADAAA 2008

Disability be construed broadly
Broadened Major Life Activities
Mitigating measures not considered
Impairment can be episodic or in remission

#### Job Evaluation Methods

#### **Quantitative**

- Point Factor
- Job Component

#### **Qualitative**

- Ranking
- Classification

## Classification Principles

"Position" does not mean "Employee"

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 A position's preponderant duties and responsibilities are the basis for its classification

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 Temporary, incidental, emergency, and training assignments are not considered

## Describing Duties

- Accuracy, Brevity, Clarity
- Ambiguous terms and phrases
- The "how" of the job

Duty statements need to have enough detail to enable those unfamiliar with the job to deduce what is being done, what knowledge and skills are being used, and what authority is being exercised.

